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Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference, March 3—5, 2005

Don't forget the two TRT sessions at KTLc:

Thursday, March 4th,
2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Friday, March 5th,
1:00 pm—2:00 pm

Convention Center
Room 111

Come share TRT Intel Teach to the Future Units of Study, or ideas that have worked for you as a TRT.

Comments sought on Core Content for Assessment

The Kentucky Department of Education is seeking input from educators and the general public as we seek to clarify the content standards in Kentucky's Core Content for Assessment.

<http://www.kentuckyschools.org>

National Education Technology Plan

By: Earlene Cool

The National Education Technology Plan was officially released at a launch event on Friday, January 7, 2005. To help states and districts prepare today's students for the opportunities and challenges for tomorrow, a set of seven action steps and accompanying recommendations have been developed.

1. Strengthen Leadership
2. Consider Innovative Budgeting
3. Improve Teacher Training
4. Support E-Learning and Virtual Schools
5. Encourage Broadband Access
6. Move Toward Digital Content
7. Integrate Data Systems

For more information go to <http://www.nationaledechplan.org/default.asp>

Pike County B.E.S.T. Academy

By: Patty Johnson, TRT

As a result of the Pike County B.E.S.T. Academy, teachers are more comfortable integrating technology into their curriculum on a more regular basis. The strategies learned help to organize, manage and integrate technology appropriately. Teachers look for the best fit of technology into the curriculum instead of just using technology for the sake of using technology. To date, sixteen 1:1 laptop classrooms have been awarded to teachers who participated in the academy. Part of the requirements for obtaining a 1:1 classroom is utilizing them for a minimum of 50% of the instructional time. This has allowed students to be directly impacted on a daily basis with real world thinking and skills. For more information about the Academy, contact the TRTs in Pike County http://www.pike.k12.ky.us/BEST_Academy.htm.



Favorite Websites

By: Patty Johnson, TRT

Education World	http://www.educationworld.com
Eduscapes	http://www.eduscapes.com
Riverdeep	http://www.riverdeep.net
Capitalist Crunch!	http://wizard.hprtec.org/builder/worksheet.php3?ID=53885
Activities that work	http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/tech094.shtml
KidsClick!	http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!



Barren County Launches Moodle

Barren County launches e-learning system, Moodle. Moodle is a course management system (CMS) - a software package designed to help educators create quality online courses. Such e-learning systems are sometimes also called Learning Management Systems (LMS) or Virtual Learning Environments (VLE). One of the main advantages of Moodle over other systems is a strong grounding in [social constructionist pedagogy](#). For more information about this new project for Barren County, contact Barren County TRTs at <http://www.barren.k12.ky.us>.

February TRT Meetings

2/04/05 Area 7 –
Ashland Independent

2/11/05 Area 6 –
Somerset

2/15/05 Area 8 –
Floyd County

2/16/05 Area 5 –
Anderson Co.

2/18/05 Area 1 –
Henderson County

2/28/05 Area 2 –
Bowling Green

2/23/05 Area 4 –
Carroll County

2/9/05 Area 3 –
TRTs meet
every Wednesday.
Jaeger Education
Center

Contact Earlene Cool at
ecool@kde.state.ky.us for more
information about the monthly
meetings

Technology Integration Activities

Twenty activities and nearly 50
web sites to help you integrate
technology into your daily routine.

[http://www.educationworld.com/
a_tech/tech/tech146.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/tech/tech146.shtml)

Fayette County Public Schools Technology Fair March 19, 2005

The instructional technology department of FCPS is hosting their 4th annual Technology Fair on March 19, 2005 at Bates Creek High School. The Technology Fair is free and open to the public.

For more information contact:
Paula Whitmer, FCPS

Haven't Yet Heard of Marco Polo?



MarcoPolo (<http://www.marcopolo-education.org>) is a nonprofit consortium of eight of the nation's premiere education organizations and the MarcoPolo Education Foundation. The MarcoPolo National Content Partners develop and deliver high-quality, standards-based, commercial-free Internet resources across the disciplines, designed to integrate into the K-12 curriculum. Each Partner site features both original Partner-created content and lesson plans (currently over 2,200) including student activities, classroom resources, and Partner-reviewed content from reputable sites, which have been thoroughly reviewed by experts. The content is provided free to educators, students and parents. To learn more about MarcoPolo content at KTLC, register for **MarcoPolo--Standards Based and Kentucky Aligned Lesson** (see <http://www.kentuckytlc.org/KTLC/Ticketed+Workshops+Conference+Workshops.htm#TH100>) presented by Dr. Susan Lancaster, a national award-winning trainer and Kentucky's Trainer of the Year for 2004.

Are you interested in learning more about the resources at MarcoPolo? Gather several interested folks from your school or district for a 3-hour or more training session. Next, determine date, time, and place. Register at http://www.marcopolo-education.org/pd/group_training.aspx

Be sure to check out the great resources at the MarcoPolo Kentucky Information Booth in the Exhibit Hall Thursday and Friday at the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference March 3rd and 4th.

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Technology Integration Made Easy

Academy Curriculum Exchange — <http://ofcn.org/cyber.serv/academy/ace>

The Academy Curriculum Exchange offers hundreds of K-12 mini-lesson plans for math, science, social studies, language arts, and other subjects.

Apple Learning Exchange Lesson Plans Library — <http://ali.apple.com/edres/lessonmenu.shtml>

The Apple Learning Exchange provides a collection of technology lesson plans written by teachers and organized by grade level and topic for Grades K-12. Topics include art, cross curricular, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and general.

Contact Earlene Cool, ecool@kde.state.ky.us for more information.